

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

January 2002

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Crops	Character of Storm
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INDIANA, Northeast

INZ003>009-012>018 La Porte - St. Joseph - Elkhart - Lagrange - Steuben - Noble - De Kalb - Starke - Pulaski - Marshall - Fulton - Kosciusko - Whitley - Allen

31 0300EST 1600EST 0 1 10K Ice Storm

The first major winter storm of the season brought an ice storm to much of Southwest Lower Michigan, Northern Indiana, and extreme Northwest Ohio with ice accumulations from one quarter to over one half inch on trees and power lines, with up to one and one half inches of ice reported in some locations. Roads were ice covered mainly along and north of the Indiana and Michigan state line. Over 250,000 homes were without power at some point during the storm. Trees and power lines were down across the entire area, and AEP electric reported the most outages ever for the Michiana region, surpassing any previous severe weather event. A Pulaski county employee was injured working near a power line. Some customers did not have power restored for over three days. Despite this, actual property damage was quite limited, with only isolated minor damage to some vehicles. Several communities issued state of emergencies for over 48 hours, with the Red Cross and local churches opening shelters.

MICHIGAN, Extreme Southwest

MIZ078

Cass

30 0700EST 31 0200EST 0 0 0 Heavy Snow

A HAM operator in Cassopolis reported 11 inches of snow during the day of the 30th through the night until the snow changed to freezing rain early on the 31st.

MIZ077>081

Berrien - Cass - St. Joseph - Branch - Hillsdale

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OHIO, Northwest

OHZ001>002-004

Williams - Fulton - Defiance

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